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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to official action in the continuation application filed under Rule 1.53(b) on April 5, 2001, please amend the continuation application to the above identified parent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please ADD the following NEW claims:

262 (NEW) In a wireless communications network, a method in a first station to communicate with a second station that is in a sleep mode, the second station having a unique identification value, comprising the steps of:

R1.26 B1 establishing a periodic reference instant at the first station and at the remote station; determining a delay interval following said periodic reference instant at the first station, said delay interval being derived from said unique identification value of said second station; and

transmitting a message from the first station to the second station at a second instant following said delay interval, said second station having changed from said sleep mode to a standby mode after said delay interval;